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#### National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency Establishes Joint Operations Integration Office

BETHESDA, Md.— If you think rocket science is difficult, try converting electronic signals from a variety of commercial and classified spy satellites into useable intelligence. The technical and coordination challenges are immense, but thanks to the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) they are not insurmountable.

As the most recent Agency transformation to meet the challenges, NGA has established a Joint Operations Integration Office (JOIO). This office will help ensure the Agency can continue to provide geospatial intelligence through the improved integration of new sensors and the advancement of Tasking, Collection, Processing, Exploitation, and Dissemination (TCPED) capabilities.

The JOIO will combine elements from NGA's Analysis and Production, Source Operations and Management, and Enterprise Operations Directorates. The JOIO, which represents an enhanced level of synergy within NGA, will work at the Intelligence Community and NGA-Directorate levels to integrate new and emerging sensors, systems and capabilities into NGA operations.

The JOIO will link the National System for Geospatial-Intelligence (NSG) research, development, operations and maintenance activities with NGA's operational requirements and priorities to deliver advanced geospatial intelligence capabilities. The JOIO will also ensure that subject matter experts are available to help develop a flexible and rapidly evolving architecture capable of meeting tomorrow's challenges.

The NGA personnel who make up this new office will remain administratively assigned to their "home" directorates and be operationally matrixed to the JOIO. They will actively represent their "home" directorates with regard to operational needs, requirements, priorities and the integration of new systems, sensors, and concepts into operations.

The JOIO will expand on the excellent working relationships already established between the Analysis and Production and Acquisition Directorates. This relationship has resulted in the successful acceleration of priority Acquisition activities in support of ongoing operational mission requirements.

NGA is a national intelligence and combat support agency whose mission is to provide timely, relevant, and accurate geospatial intelligence in support of national security. Geospatial intelligence is the exploitation and analysis of imagery and geospatial information to describe, assess, and visually depict physical features and geographically referenced activity on the earth. Headquartered in Bethesda, Md., NGA has major facilities in Washington DC, Northern Virginia, and St. Louis, Mo. areas with NGA support teams worldwide.